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Changes to GEORGE Local Transit System

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – In an effort to reduce the City's annual operating costs and focus the hours of operation on those times with the greatest ridership, the City and the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) have made fare and route changes to GEORGE, the City's local transit system.

The City has increased its fare to ride GEORGE one way to 50 cents. This change took effect on Sunday, June 27, 2004 along with WMATA's fare increase schedule.

Route changes were made to Route 26A to reduce the City's annual operating costs for GEORGE and to tailor its use for those patrons who ride GEORGE most frequently. The City and the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority studied ridership patterns and the reduction of service was targeted for those times when ridership has been the lowest over the past year with a goal of trimming the schedule to those hours when GEORGE provides the greatest benefit to our patrons.

Effective Tuesday, July 6, 2004, the Route 26A bus will continue to run during the middle of the day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, but will no longer travel through residential neighborhoods. Instead, it will provide service from East Falls Church Metro Station to Seven Corners to West Falls Church Metro Station via the City's commercial corridors.

Weekday evening service on Route 26A that currently runs from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday will be discontinued. Also discontinued will be the late evening Friday service, which currently runs until 1:15 a.m.

The holiday schedule for all routes – 26 A, E and W will be discontinued unless otherwise noted and announced by the City.

Commuters using the 26E and 26W routes during rush hour Monday through Friday will not see any changes those routes or schedules except on holidays when GEORGE will not run.

Please contact the Office of the Assistant City Manager at 703-248-5001 or via e-mail at publicinfo@ci.falls-church.va.us should you have questions about these service changes.

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